



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 372

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Substitute House Bill No. 6326

House of Representatives, April 15, 2003

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. VILLANO of the 91st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE BILLS TO CONTAIN A CHILD IMPACT STATEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 The words "State of Connecticut" shall be printed at the head of each
4 bill and document printed by order of the General Assembly, or either
5 house thereof, and on its title page or cover, if any. Before printed or
6 photographic copies of an original bill are made, the bill shall be
7 endorsed with (1) the date of its introduction; (2) its number; (3) the
8 name of the member or committee introducing it; and (4) the name of
9 the committee to which it was referred. Copies of bills or resolutions
10 printed after favorable report by a committee or reprinted after
11 amendment on the third reading, i.e., files, shall bear the file number of
12 such bill or resolution, placed conspicuously at the head of the same,
13 which file number shall be assigned by the printer in the order printed,

14 the number and title of the bill, the name of the committee to which it
15 was referred, the date and nature of the committee's report, and, in any
16 case where the bill, if passed, would require the expenditure of state or
17 municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal note,
18 including an estimate of the cost or of the revenue impact shall be
19 appended thereto. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section
20 2-71c, as amended by this act, in any case where the bill, if passed,
21 would impact the number of children served by state programs, such
22 bill shall contain a child impact statement. When a bill or resolution is
23 accompanied with a report of a committee, other than a
24 recommendation that it ought or ought not to pass, it shall then have
25 an additional endorsement, as follows: "Accompanied by special
26 report, No.-". Bills shall be designated in the printed calendar of each
27 house by their file numbers, as well as by the titles and numbers of the
28 bills.

29 Sec. 2. Section 2-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

31 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
32 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
33 state or municipal revenue shall be acted upon by either house of the
34 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
35 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house.

36 (b) If a child impact statement is required under subsection (c) of
37 section 2-71c, as amended by this act, no bill without such statement
38 appended thereto shall be acted upon by either house of the General
39 Assembly unless said requirement is dispensed with by a vote of at
40 least two-thirds of such house.

41 Sec. 3. Section 2-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

43 At each regular or special session of the General Assembly no bill
44 shall be passed or become a law unless it has been printed in its final
45 form, as prescribed by section 2-24, with the exception of germane

46 amendments, and upon the desks of the members at least two
47 legislative days prior to its final passage, unless the president pro
48 tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives
49 have certified, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate
50 an immediate vote on such bill, in which case it shall nevertheless be
51 upon the desks of the members in final form, accompanied by the
52 fiscal note and a child impact statement required by section 2-24, as
53 amended by this act, when applicable, with the exception of germane
54 amendments, but not necessarily printed, before its final passage.

55 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 2-71c of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
57 *October 1, 2003*):

58 (c) The legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall assist the General
59 Assembly and the Legislative Department, legislative commissions
60 and legislative committees in a research and advisory capacity as
61 follows: (1) Reviewing department and program operating budget
62 requests; (2) analyzing and helping to establish priorities with regard
63 to capital programs; (3) checking executive revenue estimates for
64 accuracy; (4) recommending potential untapped sources of revenue; (5)
65 assisting in legislative hearings and helping to schedule and prepare
66 the agenda of such hearings; (6) assisting in the development of means
67 by which budgeted programs can be periodically reviewed; (7)
68 preparing short analyses of the costs and long-range projections of
69 executive programs and proposed agency regulations; (8) keeping
70 track of federal aid programs to make sure that Connecticut is taking
71 full advantage of opportunities for assistance; (9) reviewing, on a
72 continuous basis, departmental budgets and programs; (10) analyzing
73 and preparing critiques of the Governor's proposed budget; (11)
74 studying, in depth, selected executive programs during the interim;
75 (12) performing such other services in the field of finance as may be
76 requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management; (13)
77 preparing the fiscal notes, required under section 2-24, upon favorably
78 reported bills [which] that require expenditure of state or municipal
79 funds or affect state or municipal revenue; [and] (14) preparing child

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |
| Sec. 3 | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |
| Sec. 4 | <i>October 1, 2003</i> |

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| KID | Joint Favorable Subst. C/R | HS |
| HS | Joint Favorable | |

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected | Fund-Type | FY 04 \$ | FY 05 \$ |
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| Legislative Mgmt. | GF - Cost | Minimal | Minimal |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) to prepare a child impact statement on any bill that is favorably reported if OFA determines the bill would impact the number of children served by a state program. OFA is required to prepare such a statement only if the office already possesses information on the number of children served by programs in that state affected by the bill. OFA will incur costs to determine if a bill will affect children, to determine whether the office possesses relevant child related information, and to prepare a child impact statement when necessary. The extent of these costs, are contingent on the frequency of bills that are determined to affect children and the complexity of the analyses prepared. It is anticipated that the computer system will need to be re-programmed to accommodate the child impact statement.

OLR Bill Analysis

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**AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE BILLS TO CONTAIN A CHILD
IMPACT STATEMENT****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Office of Fiscal Analysis, under certain conditions, to prepare a child impact statement on any favorably reported bill that affects Connecticut children. It must do this only if it possesses information on the number of children served by programs in the state affected by the bill and the nature of the effect on them. The statement must appear on the bill file. Neither chamber can act on a bill for which a statement must be prepared unless it votes by a two-thirds majority to do so. This prohibition parallels one concerning fiscal notes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 13 Nay 5